



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

August 16, 2018
3:30 – 5:00 PM
David Gebhard Meeting Room
630 Garden Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101
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Arts Advisory Committee Present: Margie Yahyavi, Chair, Robert Adams, Nathan Vonk, Kai Tepper, Marylove Thralls, Frederick Janka, Bill Smithers

Arts Advisory Committee Absent: none

Staff Present: Santa Barbara County Office of Arts and Culture: Sarah York Rubin, E.D.; Julia Rutherford Daly, Curator; John Ogilvie, Program Coordinator

Staff Absent: Santa Barbara County Office of Arts and Culture: Hannah Rubalcava, Grants and Contracts Manager. City of Santa Barbara: Nina Johnson, Sr. Assistant to the City Administrator

Liaisons Absent: Eric Friedman, City Council; Michael Drury, HLC

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 3:30 PM

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: None

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Betsy Gallery and Robin Elander presented a description of a project that Ms. Gallery is organizing, called the Santa Barbara Timeline Wall Mosaic, for which Ms. Gallery will serve as the primary artist and hopes to include community members. The proposed mosaic will be 50 feet in length and will include images representing the natural and human history of the area dating from the Jurassic period to the present. The images will also represent areas throughout the County. The artist is considering various locations for the piece.
2. Jace Turner, representing the Santa Barbara Public Library, described the Library's summer reading and writing program and workshops that included a variety of artistic disciplines and presentations. He also noted that Santa Barbara Reads will feature the work *Frankenstein* for its October program.

CONSENT CALENDAR: None

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was passed to approve the minutes of June 21, 2018. M/S/A Adams/Janka/Approved

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

1. SUBJECT: SANTA BARBARA BEAUTIFUL [NO ACTION REQUIRED]

Jacqueline Dyson, President of Santa Barbara Beautiful, discussed plans for the 2018 Santa Barbara Beautiful Awards gala, the theme of which will be "Growing Resiliency." The group's various awards and this year's recipients were described, including the Business in Arts partnership with the Arts Advisory Committee. The date of the gala is September 30 from 2:00 to 5:00 at the Music Academy of the West and committee members are all invited to attend.

2. SUBJECT: CREATIVE DEMOCRACY [NO ACTION REQUIRED]

This item was tabled for a future meeting.

3. SUBJECT: ARTWORK DONATIONS [ACTION REQUIRED]

Julia Rutherford Daly and Sarah Rubin led a discussion of two prospective artwork donations to the City, the approval of which by the Committee is required before their acceptance can proceed. Following discussion, the actions by the Committee pertaining to each art piece were as follows:

- a. "Library Lemon Gum Eucalyptus" by Fred Sweeney: A motion was offered and approved to recommend the acceptance of the art piece titled "Library Lemon." M/S/A Janka/Smithers/Approved
- b. "Dancing in the Primary" by Marilyn Hochhauser: A motion was offered and approved by a majority of the members present for staff to determine if there were available city sites for placement, and if so, to invite the artist to submit additional information to the Committee, to further describe the sculpture piece and its maintenance requirements, before further action is taken. M/S/A Smithers/Janka/Approved by a vote of 5 to 2. Voting Nay were Adams and Yahyavi

4. SUBJECT: CREATIVE PLACEMAKING [NO ACTION REQUIRED]

Sarah Rubin described discussions now under way with the firm Wolf-Brown that may be engaged to perform an assessment of the interests and needs of the community in preparation for the development of an arts and cultural master plan for Santa Barbara. A questionnaire for the consideration of the Committee, pertinent to cultural master planning, was distributed. It is recommended that the members review this information prior to its next meeting.

The Committee considered a motion to establish a temporary subcommittee that will focus on the matter of cultural master planning for the City. Its members will be Frederick Janka, Kai Tepper and Bill Smithers. The motion was approved. M/S/A Smithers/Vonk/Approved

5. SUBJECT: RIVER'S JOURNEY OPENING [NO ACTION REQUIRED]

Julia Rutherford Daly discussed and distributed fliers for the planned reception for the opening of the River's Journey exhibition at City Hall Gallery. The reception will be held on the 1st Thursday in September at 5:00 pm.

6. SUBJECT: PIANOS ON STATE STREET UPDATE [NO ACTION REQUIRED]

Kai Tepper led a description and discussion of the upcoming Pianos on State Street project. The

pianos will be debuted on State Street on October 2 and be on view until October 24. Single pianos can be sponsored for \$1,000; individual artists can be sponsored for \$2,500. Banners will be draped on the backs of the pianos to inform the public about these sponsorships and the artists. The project is the result of a collaborative effort by a large number of private and public arts and cultural organizations, schools and individuals in Santa Barbara.

STAFF REPORTS

Executive Director – S. York Rubin

Sarah Rubin reported that the list of the approved grant applications has been distributed and was approved by the City Council. There will be a mandatory paperwork workshop for all grant recipients to be held on August 29.

On October 9th there will be an Arts & Humanities Month proclamation and reception at City Hall at which all City grant recipients will be recognized. Committee members are invited and encouraged to attend.

It was noted that the California Arts Council has obtained funding from the NEA that will become available for a limited amount of disaster relief for arts groups and artists impacted by the area's 2017-18 fire and mudslide disasters. The Office applied for this funding for support for residents in areas impacted by the Thomas Fire and 1/9 Debris Flow.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 5:03 pm.

The next meeting is Thursday, September 20, from 3:30-5:00 p.m. in the David Gebhard Public Meeting Room.

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